

Fair Tonight; Monday
Warm.

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SUFFRAGE BARRED IN PLANS OF TAFT FOR ONE-MAN RULE

President Looks Upon Wash-
ington as Belonging
to Nation.

BUSINESS MEN GIVE VIEWS ON CHANGES

Executive Believes Government
Should Not Be Entirely in
Hands of Residents.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

The President's tentative plan for changing the form of government for the District of Columbia into one-man rule does not contemplate in any way at this time the exercise of suffrage in the District.

This is thoroughly understood in Administration circles, where it is stated that Mr. Taft considers Washington national property as well as the home city of those who reside here. His idea on this point is that the National Government bears one-half of the expenses of running the District government, and that, as this is the proper course, it would not be wise to put the government entirely in the hands of the people of Washington.

Friends Are Authority.

At least, he is described by his friends as believing that, as long as the people of Washington share their expenses with the National Government, the National Government should have its fair part in determining the course of the District's affairs.

In deciding not to reappoint Henry B. F. Macfarland as Commissioner at this time, but to allow him to continue in office under the automatic operation of the law, Mr. Taft gives himself ample time to study the problem of whether the form of government should be changed. As is indicated by this action, he inclines to the belief that the change would be beneficial.

He has heard much of the situation in the District, and from time to time complaints have come to him that certain things should be remedied. Last winter, before he became President, he had heard of some slight friction between the members of the Board of Commissioners, and he is well enough versed in the science of government to know that such a state of affairs is not entirely beneficial.

Changes in Taxation.

Reports have come to him that there could be an improvement in the scheme of taxation here. Assessor Richards has in large degree met some of this criticism by assessing certain property at a higher rate than was the old rule, and he believes he has proved that this was the proper thing to do.

It has also been complained that housing conditions and the "alley evils" could be improved.

Mr. Taft himself, according to his friends, is convinced that the government of the District can be made more efficient, be characterized by "more hustle and ginger," and make more rapid progress toward consummating the general wish to have Washington the model city of the world.

It is his desire to do everything in his power to hurry the progress of the city toward an ideal condition, in its

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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather is fair this morning except in the Lake region, where snow flurries continue. Temperature is below the seasonal average generally throughout the United States and light to heavy frost is reported in north portions of the east Gulf and west portions of the South Atlantic States.

Fair weather with rising temperature is indicated for the next thirty-six hours in the middle, eastern, and south-eastern States.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.

Fair tonight and Monday; warmer Monday, moderate south winds.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m.	49
9 a. m.	49
10 a. m.	50
11 a. m.	51
12 m.	52
1 p. m.	53

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	5:50
Sun sets	6:54

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 6:32 a. m. and 6:34 p. m. Low tide, 12:14 a. m. and 12:45 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 6:28 a. m. and 7:12 p. m. Low tide, 12:33 a. m. and 1:23 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.
Harpers Ferry, W. Va., May 2.—Both rivers muddy.

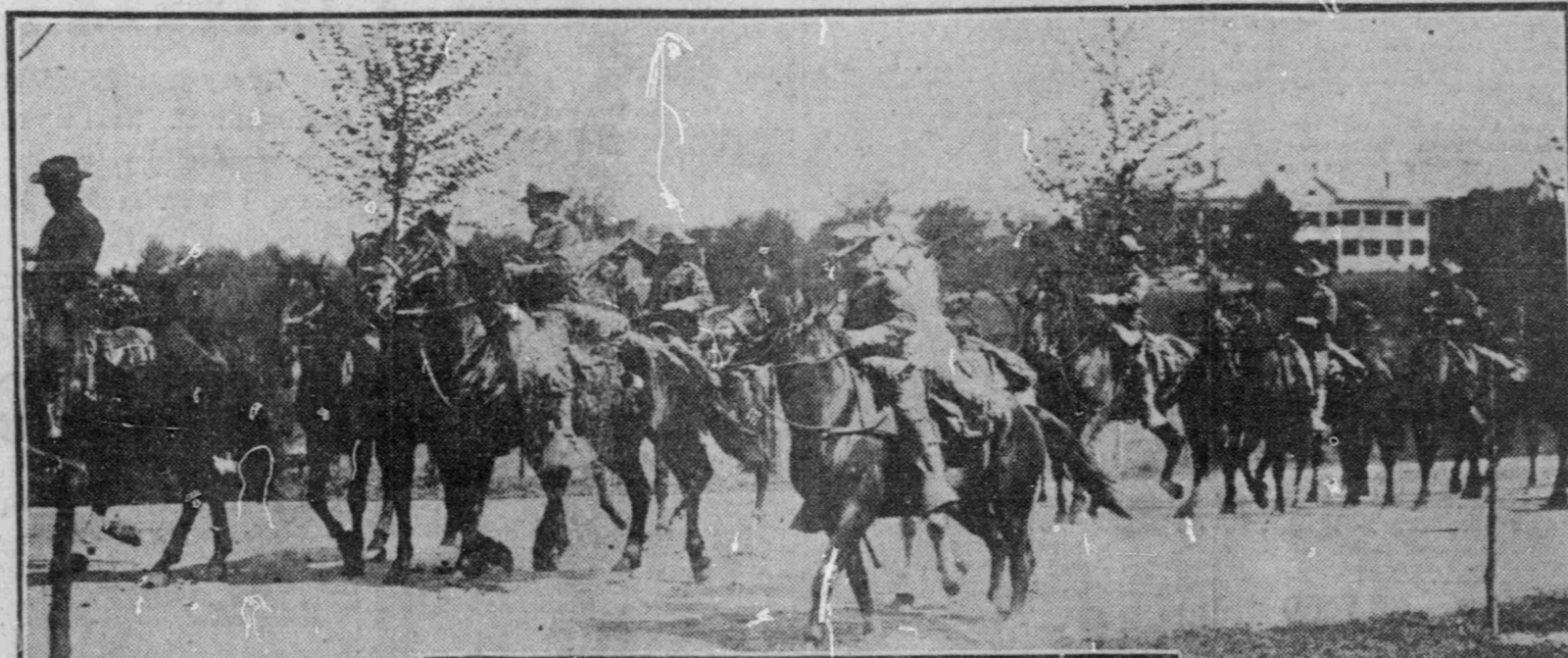
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Sunday Evening
EDITION

PRICE ONE CENT.

START OF PRACTICE MARCH FROM FORT MYER



THE DEPARTURE.

OFFICERS START THIRTY-DAY RIDE

Fifty Army Men Going Over
Route Taken by Grant's
Army.

"On to Richmond" was the meaning behind the bugle call sounded at Fort Myer this morning that sent men into their saddles and off for a thirty-day ride through Virginia.

Fifty officers of the army, under the leadership of Brig. Gen. William W. Wetherston, began a practice march from Fredericksburg over the route followed by Grant's army almost half a century ago when the cry of "On to Richmond" first echoed over the country. Major Eben Swift, general staff, Major F. E. Straub, medical department, and Capt. Powell Clayton, Jr., 11th Cavalry, led the long line of men and horses.

Tuesday the column will be met by General Wetherston and his associates of the general staff and the War College, and from then on to the State capital the officers will follow and study the route that was pursued by the great army of the Union in the last days of the civil war.

Businesslike Outfit.

The column which left Fort Myer this morning was a most businesslike outfit, and presented an imposing appearance. A train of eight wagons was in the van with a baggage of the party. Following this came a long line of cavalrymen leading the horses the student officers are to ride. There were 150 animals in the line, each equipped as for war, with all the paraphernalia of the field. The wagons and troopers are under the command of Lieut. William W. Overton, Fifteenth Cavalry, who will also have charge of the various camps that are made and will look after the matter of supply, etc.

It had been expected that the entire party would meet at Fort Myer this morning. The baggage and equipment of the last minute decision was made to have the officers meet the horses at Fredericksburg and there begin their journey. The baggage and equipment was sent to Fort Myer last night and was placed in the wagons in readiness for an early start this morning. At 6 o'clock was the hour originally set. The wagon train was made up and a troop of orderlies detailed from the cavalry and artillery at Fort Myer was in the saddle at that time. There was no sign of the officers who were to make the ride, however.

It was after 10 o'clock when the first

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COL. JOSEPH GIRARD, FIFTEENTH CAVALRY, AND MAJOR EBEN SWIFT, NINTH CAVALRY.

YOUNG BANK TELLER WATER IN CELLARS; LEAVES HOSPITAL RIVER STILL RISES

Departure of F. Bernard Stevens as Mysterious as Shooting.

E. Bernard Stevens, paying teller of the United States Savings Bank, who was shot in a most mysterious manner while in the bank building at U and Fourteenth streets about 10 o'clock on the night of April 24, has left the Emergency Hospital, where he has occupied a private room since that time.

The departure of Stevens was, apparently, as shrouded in mystery as the bank authorities say the shooting is. He left the hospital some time yesterday, not even the physicians know just when. Two of the three doctors on duty at the institution in the daytime were very busy in the operating room all of yesterday and the other was engaged in the wards. In the morning, Stevens received a visit from Dr. Charles S. White, his physician, and later his room was found vacant. As he was a private patient, the physicians of the hospital had nothing to do with his discharge.

Although Dr. White could not be reached today, it is believed that since Stevens' wounds were not at all serious, he has recovered sufficiently to warrant his going back to work, or, at least, to permit his return to his home.

It is not known whether or not anyone accompanied him when he left. The police say they know nothing new in the case. Stevens could not be seen today to give his version of the affair at the bank. He returned to the apartment of Mrs. Goodwin, at the 35th St. Y. M. C. Bldg., where he formerly boarded, it was said there that he was in bed, and would not see any one.

POLICEMAN FORCED TO WATCH SHOOTING

Unable to Break Into House,
He Sees Man Try to
Kill Himself.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Despondency that has been growing for years and the sorrow over his lot in life led Charles Sharp, twenty-seven years old, to a desperate attempt at suicide, where he has been employed as night watchman for more than five years.

Struggling desperately for ten minutes in a futile attempt to burst through the steel grating that covered the basement wall at the foot of the factory wall, Policeman Churchill was compelled to watch Sharp, feebly trying to raise again the hand that still clutched a revolver that he might fire the remaining bullets before he could be reached.

At noon the water was filling up cellars in the lower part of the city, and residents were ready to move. At seven o'clock the water will cover portions of downtown streets. No serious damage is expected to result. The high water is caused by heavy rains up the Susquehanna valley. The stream will fall quickly after the crest of the flood passes.

Flood was recorded here early this morning.

DETROIT HAS COSTLY FIRE THIS MORNING

DETROIT, Mich., May 2.—The E. G. Deley Company preserving and pickle factory was totally destroyed by fire this morning, entailing a loss estimated at \$24,000. Owing to a high wind the fire had considerable difficulty in saving adjacent factories. At noon the fire was still raging.

GRAND OPERA SEASON IS BEING ARRANGED

Oscar Hammerstein Says He Hopes to Bring Singers to Capital and May Build House If Given the Proper Encouragement.

LONDON, May 2.—Before leaving this city today for Paris, Oscar Hammerstein told the Munsey News Service correspondent that he is now busy working on a plan by which he hopes to give to Washington, Chicago, Baltimore, and Boston, the same advantages in grand opera now enjoyed by New York and Philadelphia.

"I am not in a position at this moment to say whether I can construct a home for grand opera in each of these cities," said Mr. Hammerstein. "But I will build opera houses if I obtain reasonable encouragement. I shall, of course, present the same singers in each city as in New York. At first it may be necessary to obtain leases of existing theaters to give suitable opera."

Will See "Bacchus."
"During my present trip to Paris I shall see the initial performance of Massenet's great opera, 'Bacchus,' the rights of which I have purchased for

TWO WOMEN KILLED AND HOUSE BURNED

Murderer Supposed to Have
Sought Money in North-
ern Farmhouse.

WADENA, Minn., May 2.—Two defenseless women slain by a night assassin and their home burned in a fruitless attempt to hide the diabolical crime is the story which comes out of the town of Menasha in this county.

This morning John Rauna arose at 2 o'clock to look after a sick cow. He saw that the house of his neighbor, Ben Mursu, was on fire. Going to the burning building, he entered and succeeded in removing Mrs. Paul Kuha, who was unconscious and in a dying condition, from gashes on her head and burns.

Mrs. Mursu's remains were found later in the charred ruins of the dwelling. Foul play was at once suspected. Mrs. Kuha died before a physician arrived. She did not regain consciousness.

Mursu is a wealthy Finnish farmer who loaned money to his neighbors. He left during the week for Canada, leaving his wife alone at home. She induced Mrs. Kuha to stay with her. It is presumed that some one started the fire with the intention of robbery, as it was generally rumored that Mursu had money in the house. Before leaving for Canada, he deposited \$1,000 in a bank.

Mrs. Kuha apparently had been struck on the head and her skull fractured and two gashes had been cut in her forehead. The remains of Mrs. Mursu were too badly burned to show any evidence of foul play. It is believed the women were murdered and the murderer burned the house to cover up his crime. Tracks in the snow showed where a horse had been tied to the fence near Mursu's house.

FRISCO GIVES FINE TIME TO JAPANESE

Naval Cadets Are Being Entertained Today at Golden Gate Park.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Today the 2,000 cadets of the visiting Japanese training ships Aso and Soya, which arrived here yesterday, are being entertained at a big party in Oriental style in the tea gardens of Golden Gate Park.

The car lines of the city have been extended to the use of the cadets and almost to a man they assembled at the park this morning with many of the commissioned officers.

Games are being played and refreshments served. All have expressed delight at their reception in California.

STEAMER HAMBURG ARRIVES

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Hamburg, of the Hamburg-American line, arrived in port today with about thirty first-class passengers, who were very emphatic in expressing their joy at reaching land again. The storm which caused such distress on sea tossed the Hamburg about until the passengers became fatigued.

Among the passengers were General and Mrs. Woodford and Miss Woodford.

Proud of His Conquest.
"I always get the best of it," he said, "because I anticipate the others and do the things they want to do while they are thinking about it. I will bet my bottom dollar on Carasa turning out a great tenor. Why, I heard him in Paris when he did not know I was with an earshot. He sang from the second act of 'Trovatore.'"

"You know those little thrills that seem something wonderful in art will send down your spine? Well, he did that to me. Thrills ran up and down, and I knew he was my man. I would not like to say what I gave to get him. Now I am sure it was not thrown away."

200 PASSENGERS OF LAKE STEAMER MISSING IN STORM

City of Buffalo, Bound for
Cleveland, Several
Hours Overdue.

STEAMER MOORE FINALLY GETS IN

Nearly All the Smaller Craft
Are Safe in Lake
Ports.

One more large steamer is missing on the great lakes, in addition to the four known to have been wrecked, in the terrific storm which this morning was still making havoc in the eastern ports of the lakes.

On Lake Erie the great passenger steamer City of Buffalo, from Buffalo to Cleveland, is overdue several hours and all efforts to get word of her have failed.

Not a trace has yet been found of the crew of the Balavia, found capsized in Superior. The George C. Nester, at Huron Island, Lake Superior, and the Aurania, at Whitefish bay, are both complete losses.

The steamer Moore, with forty passengers, from Port Arthur to Duluth, was the cause of much anxiety all night, but today was safely docked at Duluth.

CITY OF BUFFALO IS LONG OVERDUE

Anxiety Felt in Cleveland for
Steamer and Two Hundred
Passengers.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 2.—Anxiety is felt today for the safety of the passenger steamer City of Buffalo, of the Cleveland and Buffalo Transit Company's line, due here from Buffalo at 6:30 a. m.

The steamer had not arrived at 10:30 a. m. She usually carries about 80 passengers, and left Buffalo last night. Lake Erie was lashed throughout the night by a terrific gale from the west, reaching a velocity of fifty-six miles an hour for a short time outside of Buffalo and blowing thirty-six miles an hour steadily off Cleveland.

The City of Buffalo may have sought shelter at Long Point, but after leaving Buffalo, fearing to attempt to make Cleveland in the teeth of the wind. The steamer has just recently been equipped with wireless telegraph, but on this trip carried no operator. No word, therefore, from the boat has been received here.

The Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company's steamer Stignac, from Detroit, arrived this morning an hour later after a stormy voyage. She rolled heavily throughout the night but suffered no damage. Additional disasters, since the sinking of the schooner George Nester in Lake Superior Friday night, would have been a terrible blow to the boats remained safely inside the harbor today.

STORM CRIPPLES STEAMER KORONGA

BOSTON, May 2.—With her saloon and chart rooms filled with water the steamer Koronga, of the Buckland line, from Calcutta, limped into port this morning, after passing through a severe hurricane.

The Koronga was on her first trip to Boston for a number of years, having been running to Philadelphia for many months. Mrs. Leslie, wife of the captain of the steamer, declared that never in her life had she passed through such a gale and storm as struck the ship last Thursday. The hatches were washed overboard by the heavy waves, which filled all the cabins, and had not the storm abated it was believed by members of the crew that the vessel would have foundered.

ShIPPING DAMAGED
IN TOLEDO HARBOR
TOLEDO, Ohio, May 2.—In the furious gale which swept over northern Ohio during the night and this morning, vessels in the port were from their moorings and crashed together, houses were unroofed, and half a dozen great manufacturing buildings were blown down. In the harbor during the night the steamers Chippewa, Portage, Santiago, Gilchrist, Cherokee, and Odonia all